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For : USE OF STREPTAVIDIN TO INHIBIT TRANSPLANT REJECTION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which are listed on Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**) and are also listed below.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Thus, this Information Disclosure Statement should be entered and considered. Copies of the documents listed below as items 1-3 are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-3**.

Applicants also point out that the references disclosed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in an European Search Report dated December 10, 2003 in a corresponding EPO application. A copy of the December 10, 2003 EPO Search Report is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,287,536, issued September 11, 2001 Reno et al. (**Exhibit 1**);
2. Fawwaz, R.A., et al. (2002) Peritransplant Streptavidin Recipient Treatment Prolongs Rat Cardiac Allograft Survival, *Transplantation*, 73(12), 1954-1956. (**Exhibit 2**); and
3. Marshall, D., et al. (1994) Clearance of Circulating Radio-Antibodies Using Streptavidin or Second Antibodies in Xenograft Model, *Br. J. Cancer* 69:502-507 (**Exhibit 3**).

Applicants request that the Examiner review the references and make them of record in the subject application.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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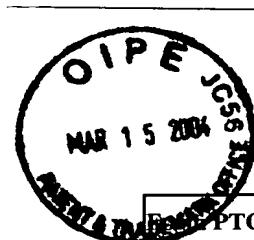
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**Exhibit A**